

**House File 2506 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 523)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the criminal offense of indecent exposure  
2 and making penalties applicable.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 709.9, Code 2020, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **709.9 Indecent exposure — masturbation.**

4 1. A person who exposes the person's genitals or ~~pubes~~ pubic  
5 area to another not the person's spouse, or who commits a sex  
6 act in the presence of or view of a third person, commits a  
7 serious misdemeanor, if all of the following apply:

8 ~~1. a.~~ a. The person does so to arouse or satisfy the sexual  
9 desires of either party; ~~and.~~

10 ~~2. b.~~ b. The person knows or reasonably should know that the  
11 act is offensive to the viewer.

12 2. a. A person who masturbates in public in the presence of  
13 or view of another, not a child, commits a serious misdemeanor.

14 b. A person who masturbates in public in the presence of or  
15 view of a child commits an aggravated misdemeanor.

16 c. For the purpose of this subsection, "masturbate" means  
17 the rubbing or other physical stimulation of a person's own  
18 genitals or pubic area for the purpose of sexual gratification  
19 or arousal of the person, regardless of whether the genitals or  
20 pubic area is exposed or covered.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill expands the offense of indecent exposure to  
25 include a person who masturbates in public in the presence of  
26 or view of another, not a child, and a person who masturbates  
27 in public in the presence of or view of a child.

28 The bill provides that a person who masturbates in public  
29 in the presence or view of another, not a child, commits a  
30 serious misdemeanor. A person who masturbates in public in  
31 the presence of or view of a child commits an aggravated  
32 misdemeanor.

33 The bill defines "masturbate" as the rubbing or other  
34 physical stimulation of a person's own genitals or pubic area  
35 for the purpose of sexual gratification or arousal of the

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1 person, regardless of whether the genitals or pubic area is  
2 exposed or covered.

3 A person convicted pursuant to the bill is required to  
4 register as a sex offender.